Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/921,559	NISHIMOTO, HAJIME
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Michael Cuff	3627

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) _Michael Cuff_.

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(4)_____.

Date of Interview: _28 October 2004_.

Type: a)☐ Telephonic   b)☐ Video Conference
     c)☒ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant   2)☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes   e)☒ No.
  If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _1_.

Identification of prior art discussed: _Esposito (6,341,270)_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☐ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: ____Claim 1 was discussed. Proposed amendments attached____

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Interview Summary

Paper No. 6

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Proposed amendment #1

Interview Agenda:

- Compare Application to Primary Reference Esposito

- Discuss proposed amendments to the independent claims and how the

5   amended claims distinguish over the prior art.

Examiner Cuff,

        Below is a proposed amendment to Claim 1. Similar independent claim
amendments will also be presented in the interview. Briefly, we believe the
10   amendment below overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The amendment
to Claim 1 further clarifies producing circuit which the outstanding office action states
on page 3, line 6 is inherent. The producing circuit in amended claim 1 produces
specific information (i.e. the name of the user and destination designated by the user) in
a specific manner (i.e. based on said identification information). One reason for doing
15   this is to protect user privacy. It is noted that Esposito does not disclose explicitly or
inherently "a producing circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces user
information including said name of the user and said destination designated by the user
based on said identification information," and therefore, does not teach each and every
element of amended Claim 1 listed below. We'll discuss this in more detail in the
20   interview at 2:00.

        Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An online shopping apparatus comprising:

        a communication circuit that communicates with a user's terminal and a

terminal of an online shopping dealer, said user's terminal storing unrewritable

25   identification information for identifying the user's terminal ~~itself~~, said user's terminal

reading out said identification information, and sending said identification information

and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online

shopping apparatus when a user enters said article information;

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a storage circuit that stores in advance said identification information, and

30   stores in advance data indicative of a name of the user and data indicative of a

destination designated by said user both corresponding to said identification

information;

a receiving circuit connected to said communication circuit that receives said

article information and said identification information from said user's terminal;

35   a retrieving circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said storage circuit

that retrieves said stored data corresponding to said received identification information;

a producing circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces ~~the user's~~

user information including ~~for specifying~~ said ~~user's~~ name of the user and said

~~designation~~ destination designated by the user based on said identification information

40   ~~retrieved data;~~ and

a sending circuit connected to said communication circuit and said producing

circuit that sends said article information and said ~~produced user's~~ user information to

the terminal of said online shopping dealer.

Proposed amendment #2

Backup Claim Amendment

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An online shopping apparatus comprising:

a communication circuit that communicates with a user's terminal and a

5   terminal of an online shopping dealer, said user's terminal storing unrewritable

identification information for identifying the user's terminal ~~itself~~, said user's terminal

reading out said identification information, and sending said identification information

and article information representing an article selected for purchase to said online

shopping apparatus when a user enters said article information;

10   a storage circuit that stores in advance said identification information, and

stores in advance data indicative of a name of the user and data indicative of a

destination designated by said user both corresponding to said identification

information;

a receiving circuit connected to said communication circuit that receives said

15   article information and said identification information from said user's terminal;

a retrieving circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said storage circuit

that retrieves said stored data corresponding to said received identification information;

<u>a shopping circuit connected to said receiving circuit and said communication</u>

<u>circuit configured to search for the terminal of an online shopping dealer that begins</u>

20   <u>searching for the terminal of an online shopping dealer based on receiving said</u>

<u>identification information from the receiving circuit;</u>

a producing circuit connected to said retrieving circuit that produces ~~the user's~~ user information including ~~for specifying~~ said ~~user's~~ name of the user and said ~~designation~~ destination designated by the user based on said identification information ~~retrieved data~~; and

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a sending circuit connected to said communication circuit and said producing circuit that sends said article information and said ~~produced user's~~ user information to the terminal of said online shopping dealer.